



City of Freeport
WORKSHOP MINUTES

5:00 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall a
June 23, 2016

I. Meeting Opened

The June 23rd 2016 Workshop was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Staff present: City Clerk Rebecca Podraza, City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, City Engineer Cliff Knauer, City Engineer Anna Hudson, Parks Director Dana Weiler.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. County and City Funding Priorities for the Triumph Funds

Mayor Russ Barley introduced Facilitator: Bill Williams, Interim EDA Director for Walton County

Mr. Williams began the presentation with the history and background information in regards to the Triumph Funds. He also explained the legislative process in order for the County to be a part of receiving the funds.

Mr. Williams discussed how the Economic Development Alliance will be working with Walton County and the City of Freeport during the process.

Council discussed their individual thoughts and opinions in regards to how to prepare for the projected growth for the City of Freeport as well as the 331 Project and current infrastructure of the City Water and Sewer systems.

City Engineer Cliff Knauer briefed the Council on prioritizing current projects that are being developed and discussed current systems and infrastructure and what will be needed to accommodate the growth.

Mr. Williams elaborated more in regards to the day to day work that will be required and the support from all those involved, who will need to be working toward the same goal in order to be ready by Oct. 1, 2016.

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Mr. Williams ensured the Council he will continue to keep them informed of the process and to please contact him anytime. The Council thanked Mr. Williams for coming and expressed how much they appreciated his time.

IV. Adjournment

Mayor Russ Barley called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman McLean motioned to adjourn. The Mayor gaveled and the meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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